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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 15 to 22 October 1992. During that same period, the aircraft dropped heat flares over some districts in the Ninawa governorate. The details are as follows:

15/16 October

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 71 sorties were flown by F4, F14 and F16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 7,000 to 9,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Al-Khidr and Busayyah.

16/17 October

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties were flown by Mirage, F4 and other types of aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 7,000 m. The flights were concentrated above the districts of Mosul, Erbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 59 sorties were flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 9,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, southern Diwaniyah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

17/18 October

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties were flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 800 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Mosul, Erbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

At 1257 hours on 18 October, two United States aircraft dropped 12 heat flares in the area between Qasbah Fayidah in the Dohuk governorate and the eastern shore of Lake Saddam.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties were flown by TRI, F14, F15 and F16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 3,500 to 20,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Al-Khidr, Busayyah and Jalabiyah.

19/20 October

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties were flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 4,500 to 6,500 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Mosul, Erbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

At 1930 hours on 19 October, two United States aircraft dropped six heat flares over the northern edge of Saddam Dam in the Ninawa Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 130 sorties were flown by Mirage, F14, F15 and F16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 9,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah and Qal'at Salih.

20/21 October

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties were flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 7,000 m. Flights were concentrated over the districts of Mosul, Erbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho, Ain Zalah and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 155 sorties were flown by F4, F14, F15 and F16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 10,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Jalabiyah, Irtawi and Busayyah.

21/22 October

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties were flown at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Mosul, Erbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties were flown by F4, F14, F15 and F16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 8,000 m. The flights were concentrated over the districts of Basra, Amarah, Samawa, Nasiriyah, Salman, Irtawi, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah and Jalabiyah.

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